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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT

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1. THIS WEEK'S TIME MAGAZINE IN STORY ENTITLED "AFTER
HELSINKI: BALKAN JITTERS" CONTAINED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:
BEGIN QUOTE THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT NICOLAE
CEAUSESCU, REPORTS TIME CORRESPONDENT STROBE TALBOTT, HAS
SECRETLY BEEN LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF BUYING
MODERN ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING AMERICAN F-5 JET FIGHTERS, IN
THE WEST. SUCH A MOVE, IF IT MATERIALIZED, WOULD BE
UNPRECEDENTED FOR A MEMBER OF THE WARSAW PACT. THE
SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY RUMANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF AND DEPUTY
DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL ION COMAN WHEN HE FLEW TO
WASHINGTON IN MARCH FOR TALKS WITH HIS U.S. COUNTERPART,
GENERAL FREDERICK WEYAND. BUT WHILE THE U.S. WOULD
WELCOME A "PROTOCOL" OR LIMITED MILITARY RELATIONSHIP,
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IT IS RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE RUMANIA WITH MODERN WEAPONS
INVOLVING CLASSIFIED TECHNOLOGY THAT MIGHT FALL INTO
SOVIET HANDS. END QUOTE.

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL PRESS STORIES ON
SUBJECT. DEPARTMENT HAS REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING. SISCO

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